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AMENDMENT AND/OR ARGUMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 08/05/02, applicants hereby request reexamination and reconsideration and argue as follows

Claims 1-5 were rejected as anticipated by Civanlar. The Examiner asserted that the decoder of Fig.4 decodes a first macroblock of predicted frame 401 at a first resolution and decodes a second macroblock using upsampling of stored reference macroblock 409 at a second resolution.

Applicants point out that Civanlar item 401 is a partitioned buffer containing plural images of varying resolution but which are treated as a single image by standard MPEG decoder 402 and decoded as such (column 11, lines 50-60). That is, MPEG decoder 402 does not change decoding resolution during its decoding as required by claim 1. Further, Civanlar item 409 is not a stored reference macroblock but rather part of compositor 407 which rearranges the output of MPEG decoder 402; that is, 407 does not do decoding and item 409 is a (decoded) line segment mapping table. Civanlar has no suggestion of the decoding of independent claim 1; and the claims are patentable over the reference.

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Respectfully submitted,

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